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**From:** Barmakian, Nancy [Barmakian.Nancy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 7/21/2018 1:33:08 AM  
**To:** Dunn, Alexandra [dunn.alexandra@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Merrimack,NH

I will check in with Meghan on Monday. She was off today.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 20, 2018, at 11:42 AM, Dunn, Alexandra <dunn.alexandra@epa.gov> wrote:

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> I just heard from this individual again. Where are we on a response. I will forward the next one.

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> Alexandra Dapolito Dunn, J.D.

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> Begin forwarded message:

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> From: "Katharine Hodge" {**Personal Email / Ex. 6**

> To: "Dunn, Alexandra" <dunn.alexandra@epa.gov> <mailto:dunn.alexandra@epa.gov>

> Cc: "Laurene Allen"

**Personal Email / Ex. 6**

> Subject: Merrimack,NH

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> Good morning MS Dunn;

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> First, I would like to say Thank You for attending the EPA Region 1 Summit in Exeter, NH. I attended as a part of the Merrimack Citizens for Clean Water group from Merrimack, NH.

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> I did speak during the public part of the summit and I was the "slide" that Laurene Allen showed at the very end of her presentation. I spoke about "losing body parts to the contamination in our town"

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> As you are aware, we have severe contamination in our town from Saint Gobain performance plastics. Our air, soil and all of our groundwater to include MVD customers and private well owners. Our brooks, rivers and smaller ponds etc are contaminated with a multitude of chemicals from SG as DES has a "footprint" of their contamination. The contamination is not only close to the plant, but spreads out over miles due to their air stacks (13 to be specific) which spew out chemicals every hour of every day. We have been dealing with the specifics of the contamination for 2+ years. We have been dealing with SG for the last 15-20 years after they moved from Vermont into our town because of the less restrictive laws in regards to business and pollution. So we know that we have been poisoned for a lot longer than 2 years.

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> During the time from when we received notice that our water was contaminated by MAN MADE CHEMICALS, that DO NOT belong in our water, we have had 2 of our main wells shut down, and we are currently on water RESTRICTION. Our other wells are highly contaminated as per the ATSDR report that was recently released. We have private well owners over 5 miles away that are contaminated, some reaching totals over the current 70PPT limit.

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> We have literally begged and pleaded with NHDES to do something about this. Our standard answer is "we can't". It seems to us that the real answer is "we won't" We have asked NHDES to be proactive in decreasing the PPT levels for the last 2+ years to follow Vermont and have been told NO. They have put the guilty parties before our residents HEALTH. NHDES has the legal authority to stop SG or to make them clean up their mess, NHDES also has the legal authority to put restrictions on SG which they have not. SG has been NON COMPLIANT in various aspects of air contamination and have been given a wide birth by NHDES when it comes to being back into compliance. What should have been severe penalties for NON COMPLIANCE as other states have done, SG was being charged \$50, yes \$50 a day!

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> We have also repeatedly asked NHDHHS for help. Of 27,000 residents we were allowed 200 random blood tests after begging for them. We do not know how long the residents lived here, not the ages, as we were

told at a meeting with Lisa Morris that they will not give us the age ranges or dates of residence. We have significant levels of various cancers for our children/adults and are off the charts when it comes to other medical issues for PFAS contamination, many with multiple issues. Also, since the chemicals are biocummulative, many wonder whether medical issues will increase or get worse. We are "SIGNIFICANT" when it comes to health issues.

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> Pease has already had over 2000 blood tests for approximately 2500 people. I must ask "WHY?", when we have 27,000 residents affected? Are we not as important as a DOD site?

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> NHDES Commissioner Robert Scott has said that he fully admits to the bioaccumulative properties in BOTH the environment and the human body, but then goes on to say "NHDES will have to way the COST and BENEFIT to affected parties that will result from establishing a standard"

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> Is it appropriate to put a pricetag on a human life? and once again allow the business to poison us because we don't want to upset them by making them accountable?

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> I have attached various reports about SG in regards to their stormwater outfall, which I have been told yet again that DES has NO AUTHORITY over, which is at the north end of the property and drains into our brook, which then goes into our river water which is what is used for our drinking water. Levels for the outfall have tested over 1000-2700PPT repectively of PFOA alone, not to mention the other PFAS chemicals included in the reports.

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> I will tackle one issue at a time so as not to bombard you with reports as some are over 3000 pages. I have done my best to highlight the most significant areas and test results by page indications.

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> Saint Gobain Issues:

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> Storm water outfall results attachment is the first round of testing.

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> Updated Storm Water Report, 1681 pages, April 20 2018. Link should be highlighted in red for your convenience.

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> This is the second round of test that was done and as the numbers show, the levels are significantly higher. Please see pages 128,129,130,138. The numbers were revised to show higher results.

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> Also, please see pages 159,162,165,168,176. The checkmarks represent higher numbers as well.

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> Also, page 322 shows higher levels of Aluminum, Calcium, Iron, Magnesium, Manganese and Potassium.

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> Page 342 also shows elevated levels of the above mentioned chemicals.

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> 2: July 2016 Air Stack Testing, 3265 pg report. Link should be highlighted in blue for your convenience.

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> See page 37, table 3-1, run 1,2,3

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> Also stack residue, table 3 -pg 41,42,43

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> Please let me know if you are not able to access any of the links or attachments.

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> I thank you for your time .

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> Regards  
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> Katharine Hodge  
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> Merrimack Resident  
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> <Stormwater Outfall Results and Data Validation.pdf>